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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR TREATING OBJECTS WITH
AT LEAST ONE TREATMENT AGENT IN A HOUSEHOLD
DEVICE, SAID HOUSEHOLD DEVICE, ASSOCIATED
PACKAGING AND A DOSING DEVICE

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DE 100 39 408 A1 discloses that the domestic washing machine has the amount of detergent from a dispenser (1) weighed (2) and product bar code readings (6) registered by a computer (3) to control the machine (7). Visual (4) and acoustic (5) indication is provided and the optimum amount of product is supplied.

WO 00/32864 relates to a method for controlling a washing machine, to a control unit for carrying out the method, and to a washing machine containing this control unit, whereby at least one portion of the washing program is controlled according to information which is read by at least one external data carrier.

WO 03/029550 A1 discloses a household comprising a system which permits, during an operation, the supply of adjuvants to be dosed by a user. The household appliance is also provided with a microcomputer and a text display (5), having a display field (18) for

displaying the adjuvant quantity which is probably necessary for an operation. The aim of the invention is to give to a user an optimal adjuvant dosage recommendation for each individual operation, which relates not only to the quantity of adjuvant to use, but also to the choice of the appropriate adjuvant. The aim is achieved, whereby the process control has an operating range, in which parameters of the operation can influence the choice of the adjuvant type, necessary for the operation. A display field (18) for displaying the adjuvant type, which is operationally connected to the process control, is also provided.

DE 100 35 837 A1 discloses a method for control of a washing machine in which a part of the washing program is controlled in dependency on information which is read from at least one external data carrier and at least two electrically conducting mediums. The data carrier is specifically an electronically readable medium, in particular a chip-card, a magnetic card, a CD, and the washing machine is provided with a suitable interface thereto.

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